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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Upper Merrimack Corridor Improvement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lowell, located at 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852. The funding would be used for the improvement of a stretch of the corridor with sidewalk repairs, ADA improvements, lighting, landscaping, seating, and wayfinding to make a safe and comfortable pedestrian-friendly corridor. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this part of the City is in need of investment to provide the local residents and businesses with the dignity of basic functioning public realm features such as safe and comfortable sidewalks for people of all ages and economic conditions. Currently, there are several successful local small businesses in this area that need support that the City is willing to provide but unfortunately is unable to due to limited resources. This project, even though only a small part of the city, when successful will become the standard of how the City can plan, strategize, and fund improvements in other parts of Lowell with similar challenges. This area is in fact home to large affordable housing units property of the Lowell Housing Authority and would benefit with improved basic public amenities that reflect the City's commitment to social equity and economic prosperity while fostering the sense of community and belonging.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and/or 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress